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More Military Hypocracy

Gays Must Serve

by **Celeste Brown**

As last minute military build-up continues in the Saudi Arabian desert, the defense Department announced this week that the military would temporarily defer the automatic discharge of gays and lesbians in order to accommodate "operational needs" in the gulf.

This is an unprecedented move, in light of the fact that prior to Dec 17th, 1990, when the military put into effect the "Stop Loss Rules," any military personnel who admitted to being gay and lesbian would be released from service, regardless of their service record. The new procedures were established to postpone administrative separations of military personnel, unless they are directly involved in serious misconduct.

A Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Commander Ken Satterfield, said "Just because a person says they're gay, that doesn't mean they can stop packing their bags."

However, he further indicated that this move was to accommodate the military necessity of having fully staffed and operational units ready for combat.

"This does not abdicate the rules, you just have to establish the priorities," said Satterfield.

Up to this point, the military has upheld the policy that insisted that allowing gay and lesbian soldiers to serve in the armed forces is a threat to security, discipline, and morale. And in response to this policy the military has always quickly removed service members who admit openly to

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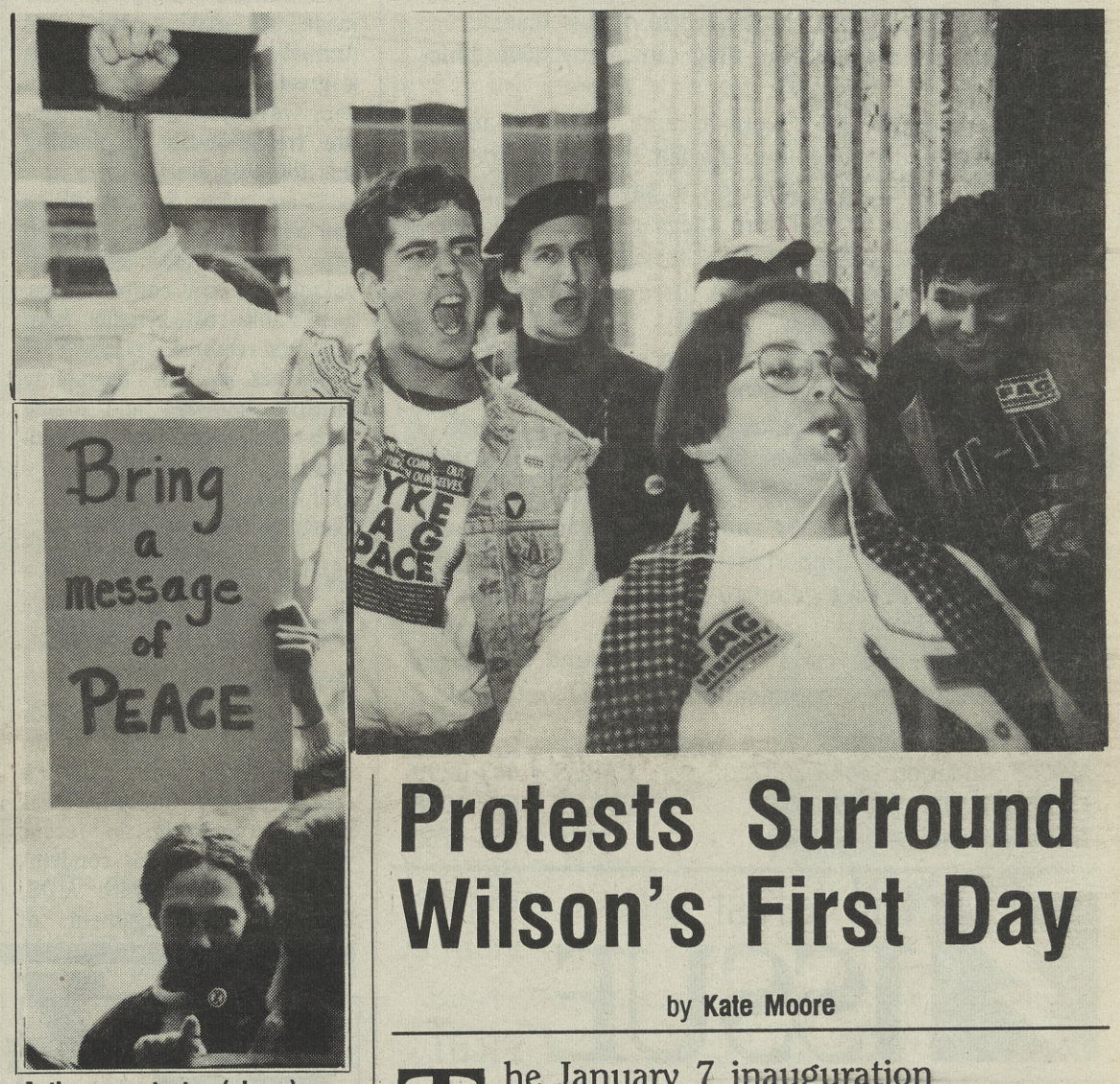

Anti-war protester (above) calls for peace in the Persian Gulf as gay rights activists (right) demand to be heard during the inauguration.

Protests Surround Wilson's First Day

by **Kate Moore**

The January 7 inauguration ceremonies for Governor Pete Wilson were disrupted by protests by gay rights and anti-war demonstrators.

During the "official" inaguration proceedings at the state Capitol's rotunda area, the anti-war protesters' voices were heard through the mammoth doors as they demanded a peaceful solution to the Persian Gulf crisis. Nearly 30 people gathered to protest the "war" with Iraq and waved signs of "Bring a message of peace" and "No war on the poor and the environment."

Gay rights activists chose to attend the reinactment inaguration at the Convention Center to express their demands to the new governor. Organized protest groups ACT-UP San Francisco, ACT-UP Golden Gate, and Queer Nation made up the majority of the 100 protesters with the few remaining members of ACT-UP Sacramento scattered throughout the crowd.

The electric yellow and pink flyers being passed out by the activists demanded that Pete Wilson sign the new gay rights bill AB101, increase AIDS funding throughout the state and implement an executive order to raise the rainbow flag over the state Capitol on National Coming Out Day.

As the protesters mixed with the primarily conservative Republican crowd the protest began -- not by chanting slogans or waving signs but simply by being present at the event. The contrast of conser-

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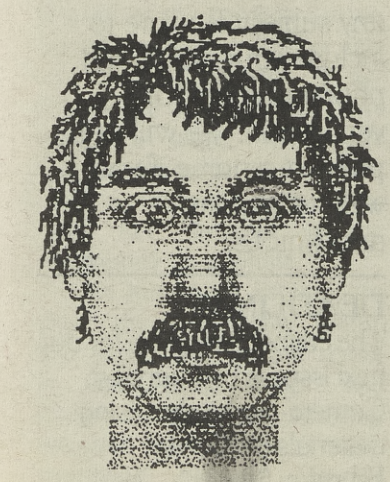
Shooting Suspect Apprehended



by **Garrett Madderra**

The suspect in the shooting and robbery of a downtown bar patron was successfully apprehended January 9 in Spokane, Washington.

After widespread publicity of the Sacramento murder attempt had stretched into the Spokane gay community, David A. Hobbs, 26, was recognized and brought into police custody for questioning which subsequently led to his arrest.

On the evening of January 3, Wayne Perron of Sacramento entered the Western bar alone to have a drink. According to bartender Keith Thomas, Perron offered to buy Hobbs a drink, which was accepted, and the two re-

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really !!! I MUST SAY!

Open Your Eyes

You don't want to hear it, I don't want to hear it - but we have to listen. Hundreds of men and women are going to die in the city of Sacramento in 1991 from AIDS. Many will be our friends and family.

The lesbian/gay community has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to rid the world of this disease. Some have given everything they can. Many have done nothing.

Several months ago a woman came up to me and said she liked this paper but she felt there was "too much AIDS stuff." She went on to say, "Everytime I see something on AIDS I turn the page." I know that she is not alone in this reaction because I have heard it before. It is hard to look when there appears to be no end in sight but we must.

It is time to do what you can to stop the AIDS crisis. Everyone has their own style of taking action against AIDS. Find one that works for you and do it.

Some write letters, some share their time and energy, some pass out condoms, give money, scream loud and long in anger, some lobby and demand change in the system. The most important thing you can do is stop YOUR denial. It isn't going to go away if you close your eyes.

1991 can be the year a treatment is found. Let's get busy. Contact these organizations and find out how you can help.

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Artists Thankful For All of the Support

An open letter,

On behalf of Performing Artists for AIDS-Related Charities, I extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the contributions everyone has made to making this 2nd Annual Christmas Show such a great success! Because of you, we were able to contribute tremendously to making this the best ever!

There were several PWAs and about thirty-nine children who, through the efforts of volunteers and contributions, were able to benefit from proceeds received.

It has always been my pleasure knowing and loving each and every one of you. You have made a difference.

Akili Jaye,
Executive Director, PAARC

Wilson's Staff Needs Sensitivity

Governor Wilson,

We are outraged by your selection of Gallagher as an entertainer for your inaugural ceremonies. Gallagher has built a reputation in recent years based upon his condemnation of people with AIDS, and his encouragement of violent attitudes toward the gay, lesbian and bisexual community (i.e., he won't burn flags, but he "might burn a couple of fags."). Gallagher's commentary is hateful and misinformed, and we are deeply disturbed that your staff chose him as appropriate entertainment.

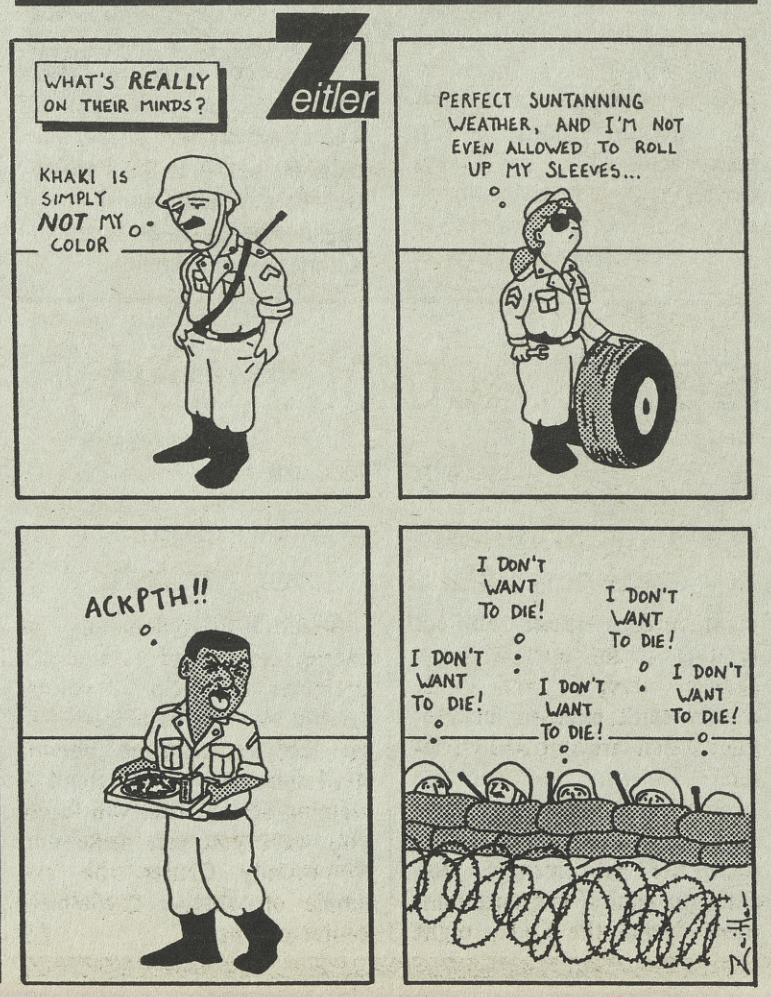
A governor's staff is selected both for their administrative competence, and for their sensitivity to California's [political climate. Gallagher's performances have been picketed in virtually every town on his schedule, and the press has covered the unrest surrounding his homophobic material extensively. By choosing Gallagher in the midst of this controversy, you have actively condoned a homophobic misrepresentation of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community.

We are concerned about your staff's lack of response to this issue. This was an avoidable blunder that was called to the attention of your office with adequate time to correct it. Insensitivity toward any group of people is neither politically nor socially astute here in California, Governor Wilson.

As a community-based, not-for-profit organization serving many of your constituents, the Lambda Community Fund would like to consider the Gallagher issue an unfortunate oversight rather than an alarming precedent. Among our many services, we provide Sensitivity Training through Sacramento County; the Sacramento Sheriff's Department, for example, is one of our clients. The Lambda Community Fund would be happy to provide Sensitivity Training on homophobia and AIDS-related issues to you and your staff. Contact Trisha Harper at 442-0185, and we will be happy to make arrangements.

We look forward to working with the Wilson Administration in the four years to come, but confess to strong reservations based on the lack of sensitivity displayed by your staff. This can be rectified, however, and we are confident that positive action on your part will pave the way to better relations in the future.

Trisha F. Harper
Executive Director,
Lambda Community Fund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Tired of Leather Association Stuff

This following letter was sent to the Board of the Sacramento Leather Association with a copy sent to the Editor of the latest ISSUE.

To the Board and Members of the SLA,

There comes a time when change is necessary and it is time that I discontinue my membership with the Sacra-

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LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.

DEADLINES

The editorial deadline for our next issue is February 1st. Camera-ready advertising materials are due by February 5th.

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AROUND TOWN

Lesbian/Gay Leaders Optimistic About AB101

by **Stacy Selmants**

With a new, more accessible, more responsive governor in place, California may finally see passage of a comprehensive gay rights bill.

Assembly Bill 101-- the new piece of legislation to resurrect the provisions and spirit of AB 1-- would amend the government code to include the words "sexual orientation" in non-discrimination clauses relating to employment and housing.

The bill, authored by Terry Friedman (D-Hollywood) was introduced at the beginning of the new legislative session in December, and attracted a surprising number of co-authors, including Sacramento's Phil Isenberg. Sponsored by the Lobby for Freedom and Equality (LIFE), the bill will also draw upon support from the state and local chapters of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Rand Martin, Principal Consultant to Friedman, feels "optimistic" that if the bill is successful in both houses, and especially if encouraging signs come from the Republicans and from the business community, that Governor Wilson will support it. AB 1, after years of struggle, finally passed in 1984, only to be vetoed by Governor Deukmejian, who claimed the non-discrimination bill was "unnecessary."

"While there has been no formal commitment, all the signs are favorable," Martin said. "The man is in a difficult position. He's taking heat from the right wing. But if we give him a bill that is a matter of equal opportunity and fairness, we think he will support it."

Martin also refuted a claim that gay activists were expecting only a "placeholder" bill to allow more time to marshal across the board support from Republicans and statewide business groups, such as the Chamber of Commerce.

"I think the action only surprised one reporter, " he said. "We already have a cross-section of support from the Republican caucus. The Republicans are very fractured right now. Privately, many of them would support it. We're going to have a problem with Orange County. But I think the Republicans are going to be looking for a positive signal from Wilson."

Martin noted that Friedman's staff has been working to gain support from the Chamber of Commerce, and the California

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Director Brings a "Larger Vision"

by **Kate Moore**

Many changes have taken place since the Lambda Community Center opened its doors in 1986, and it appears that under the direction of Trisha Harper, Sacramento's gay community center may just become *the* example of what a center *can* be.

Trisha Harper began her new job as the Executive Director of the Lambda Community Center in November 1990 following the death of Tim Warford to AIDS in July. Her experience as a fundraiser and organizer in the Los Angeles area made her ideal for the job and she won overwhelming approval by the board of directors.

According to Franklin Kakies, AIDS services coordinatior of the Lambda Center, the new executive director sets the tone of all that is accomplished at the center, "She brings a larger vision...one that is inclusive and expansive," a vision he feels represents her "interest in the community as a whole."

"We have been listening to what the community wants and needs, and we are trying to fulfill these needs" said Harper. Lack of funding, however, may create a major stumbling block. Harper

Exec. Director Trisha Harper.

commented, "most of our funding is for our AIDS response services, and that money can't be used for programs that are not AIDS related."

Some programs that have been instituted since Harper took her job include stop smoking clinics, live entertainment during the Friday night Cafe' Lambda, acting workshops, tax planning workshops, and soon a self defense workshop. Humbly Harper responded, "Yes, I'm bringing in new ideas, but the changes reflect the enthusiasm of the staff and dedication of the board."

The goals of the new director for 1991 include increasing the Lambda Center's income so it can provide services such as counseling, a more complete library of gay and lesbian literature, and becoming the home base of "the Lavender Angels" a group of gays and lesbians that patrol the bars and protect people from violence and harrassment. Increasing the effectiveness of the Speakers Bureau, sponsoring a softball team, providing support for a "Project 10" in Sacramento which would educate teachers about gay kids, are her primaray goals.

"People have been positive about the changes, it's the money that is our main concern", Harper said.

Besides the donation of money, concerned community members can help by volunteering to perform office work, facilitate a rap group, donate gay/lesbian books or attend a training session that will teach you ways you can make our Community Center the example of what a gay/lesbian center can be.

Loulan to Speak About Lesbian Love

JoAnn Loulan, a nationally recognized sex therapist, author and researcher is the featured speaker for the Sacramento Area Career Women's Network (SACWN) meeting January 18.

JoAnn Loulan.

Loulan's recognition as one of a very few experts on lesbian sexual and emotional issues has taken her across the states and to world conferences. In addition to being a licensed marriage, family and child counselor, Loulan lectures at the UC San Francisco Medical School in Psychiatry. She has written four books, and the latest, "The Lesbian Erotic Dance: Butch, Femme and Other Rythyms" (Oct. 1990) has been described as "a witty, wise and sometimes profound look at lesbian eroticism and androgynous images".

Loulan combines her knowledge with an honest compassion, humor and warmth in her presentations, and is one of the most sought after lesbian speakers.

Her book will be available at the event and a book signing is tentatively scheduled. If you would like further information please call Linda at 486-8985. Pre-registration is suggested.

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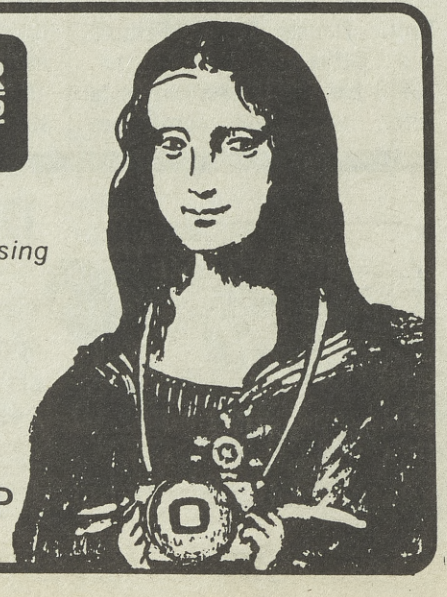

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mento Leather Association (SLA).

When Chuck Novak and I founded the SLA it was our hope and intention to have a leather organization that was a social club not a political club. Of course, when any organization is put together you are bringing many different personalities together to for a commonality. This is not easy at times.

Unfortunately, I could not attend the last two SLA meetings when certain discussions took place without all parties being discussed present. I am tired of the bull----.

The SLA has done quite well in its first year and a half of existence. I wish all of you the best of luck with your future endeavors. Please remember, the purpose of the SLA is to promote a positive leather image, raise money for charities, educate people about safe, sane and consensual sex, and most of all have fun.

This was not an easy decision. However, it was needed and if you ever need support with any function I will always be here to help. Good luck.

Much leather love,
Jolanne Tierney
Ms. Leather Sacramento
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P.S. Please note: When preparing for the 1991 Ms. Leather Sacramento Contest, it should be in the memory of Ron Straus. Also, anytime there is a program put out by the SLA the co-founders should be mentioned. Thanks.

Black Magazine Discriminates

Editor,

Black Gays and Lesbians are involved in a struggle for visibility. We need your assistance today! Help us sound the call, send the message loud and clear that we will not be forced back into the closet, that we will not be ignored or silenced.

On November 6, the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum (BGLLF) received notice from *Essence* magazine, probably the nations most widely read Black Women's periodical, that our half page Black Gay and Lesbian visiblility advertisement had been pulled. The ad depicting pictures of various Black Lesbians and Gay men, was deemed "too controversial" by *Essence's* publisher Ed Lewis.

This ad, which was to appear in the January 1991 issue of *Essence,* was similar to Gay Pride ads which have run nationally in newspapers and magazines including the *Los Angeles Times, Interview* and *Newsweek.* By portraying African American Gays and Lesbians from many walks of life, GBLLF hoped to show the diversity in our community while publicizing the upcoming fourth annual Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference.

Phill Wilson, founder and co-chair of GBLLF, corresponded with Essences's Los Angeles sales representatives who acknowledged the name of the organization, its purpose, the concept of the advertisement, and accepted the insertion order and check for $6,514.06.

As a result, BGLLF contracted for ad design and layout and did not attempt to place our conference ad in other national Black media. It was not until the completion of this costly ad that *Essence,* without discussion or prior warning, **yanked the ad.**

This incident is heterosexist/homophobic and discriminatory. It amazes us that a magazine which year after year, page after page brings the oppression of Black people to its readers attention and encourages Black pride would turn its back on tens of thousands of Blacks by not allowing our community a voice. How an oppressed group as ugly a disease as racism, and just as revolting as sexism.

This action is not acceptable. President Bush vetoes the 1990 civil rights bill and *Essence Magazine* practices discrimination. Together we can help Essence refocus on its mission and live up to its most inclusive potential!

BGLLF asks that you: 1. Write *Essence.* Tell them it's homophobia that's "controversial"; 2. Respond to your local media's coverage/non-coverage on this issue; 3. Write BGLLF and show your support. Our address is: BGLLF, 3924 W. Sunset Blvd., Suite #5, Los Angeles, CA 90029, or call (213) 666-5495.

Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum

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Discontented in Sacramento

Dear Editor,

After living in Sacramento for the past eleven months, I have found the people here to be the coldest, most unfriendly, stuck up, uptight and cliquish of anywhere I have ever lived. I have found this situation to especially be the case when it comes to the gay bars and community of Sacramento. Because of this situation, I have stopped going to the gay bars here.

I have heard a number of phony excuses for this deplorable situation, including the conservative capital city, street gang and gay bashing arguments. It is my opinion that most people here have this attitude by their own choice and for no other legitimate reason. Each day I continue to stay here, this deplorable situation makes me a little more depressed.

For the people to be so unfriendly and cliquish, I am surprised and shocked to see that the County and City of Sacramento is able to accomplish and maintain such a great economy and job market. The only thing that I can figure is that the County and City of Sacramento must be the one exception to the general rules and laws of economics.

About eight years ago, I moved to Houston (where I did not know anyone) for a couple of months. I found the people there to be very friendly while walking the streets, riding the bus system, going to the gay bars, etc. This situation is opposite.

While in Houston, I stayed in Montrose which is the gay area of town. At the time, there were over forty gay bars in Montrose; I found the bar scene there to be fantastic. Also, at the time, Montrose held the distinction of being located in the lowest crime rate area of Houston.

It is my opinion that many people here need to go to the South where they can learn some real manners and etiquette. I am very proud to be from the South, where people are still friendly and have good manners.

David Raffield

street ? WHYS

by Tom Romanotto

What are your 1991 goals ?

Kathy Williams,
Sacramento

"Looking at what's happened in the last year reminds me that life is really precious. With the possibility of war and the other problems we're having today, we should really appreciate and value every single day and make every day we have really count. I hope to do that."

John Kalfakis,
Sacramento

"To be thin, gorgeous and married!"

Betty Hughes,
North Highlands

"I'm recovering from back surgery, so now that I'm not in constant pain, I want to get my house, my yard and my life back together."

London Rankin,
Sacramento

"My main goal is to stop recreational shopping; I shop when I'm bored and I buy things I don't need. To exercise, keep a positive attitude and be more appreciative of the good things in my life."

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Needed Hope House Volunteers

Reverend Ed Sherriff, Executive Director of Hope House and Associate Pastor of River City MCC, has instituted a new program to benefit Hope House.

The new program will be to develop a roster of 60 or more rotating volunteers to spend time at Hope House reading, cooking, taking residents shopping, for rides, etc. The volunteers would be trained at MCC and medical experience is not necessary. The community is encouraged to support this program by phoning Rev. Ed at 454-0170.

New Mixed Choir at MCC Forming

Chuck Vicars, Music Director at River City MCC, has announced the formation of a new choir at River City MCC. The organization is seeking new members from the community.

After noting that Sacramento has a men and women's chorus, but lacks a mixed group, Vicars felt a desire to start a new organization that would not only provide music for three church services at MCC, but would undertake major musical works for community concerts. Currently the mixed choir has 40 members.

People interested in joining this exciting musical group should phone 331-3307, or River City MCC, 454-4572, and leave a message for Chuck.

Tribute to Open at Russian River

A Tribute To The Memory of You, a musical in three acts by Denny Hamann, will be presented in Jenner, California, by the River Rep Theatre on February 2, 3, 9 and 19, 1991. The musical is directed by the River City Metropolitan Community Church Theatre Department, which first produced the show in Sacramento at the River City Metropolitan Community Church and the Guild Theatre.

The cast will remain the same as before; however, some changes are being made in order to shorten the length of the musical.

A Tribute to the Memory of You is the story of a young gay man coming out in a Christian environment and dealing with social and Christian ethics.

The River Rep Theater is located on Highway 1 in Jenner behind the Shell Station. Performances are February 2 and 9 at 8pm, and February 3 and 10 at 2pm. Tickets are six dollars and can be reserved by calling (707) 865-2905.

Real Estate Group Donates to SAF

The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Real Estate Professionals have recently made a group donation of $600 to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF). $100 went to the SAF Hand-to-Hand program. $25 went to the SAF Home Health program, and $475 went to the SAF general fund.

The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Real Estate Professionals are a group of 40 gay and lesbian professionals working in the real estate field.

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VITALS

Aldo Antonio Belle 1/20/59 - 1/1/91

Aldo Antonio Belle was a well known entertainer who died New Years Day of massive heart failure. He is remembered in Sacramento for his performance with Romanoski and Phillips in December 1989 and his birthday concert at Joseph's Town and Country. He performed many times for the congregation at River City Metropolitan Community Church.

His music and his stage presence made people feel close to him.

Aldo was born in Alabama, did some recording in Nashville, and moved to San Francisco about six years ago. In San Francisco, he was recipient of Gold Awards and nominations for Cable Car Awards.

At the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, Aldo performed "A Whole Lot of Bessie in Me," a show he wrote and played about the life and times of Bessie Smith.

Aldo's only TV role was a commercial for Sunkist in which he played a giant dancing orange.

Memorial services will be held at River City Metropolitan Community Church (3814 Broadway, Sacramento), at 2pm on Sunday, January 20

Robert Cramer Dies at 53

Robert Cramer, native of San Francisco, barber, civic leader, stage director, theatrical producer and pioneer gay activist, died Saturday morning at Kaiser Hospital of AIDS-related complications.

Mr. Cramer, who owned and operated Market Street's King Court barber shop, was the founder of the Cable Car Awards, an annual award program begun in 1974 to honor individual accomplishments in the City's gay and lesbian community.

"The Cable Car Awards have come to symbolize all that is right about San Francisco," said Mayor Agnos. "It was Bob Cramer's dream that the Cable Car Awards bring the gay and lesbian community together with the rest of the City in recognition of all the good things that were happening here. His work helped people feel a sense of community in San Francisco and that is his legacy."

Mr. Cramer was one of the first organizers of the City's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade nearly 10 years ago, and was president of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Bay Democratic Club. He also served on the board of directors of the San Francisco Band Foundation.

Mr. Cramer is survived by his sister, Clara Feuillard of Carmichael; brothers Richard A. Cramer and William C. Cramer of Placeville; four nieces and three nephews.

San Francisco Examiner

Edward J. Lennane 1/30/53 - 12/18/90

Ed Lennane was a wonderful, caring, fun-loving man who touched all of us in a wonderful way. He added joy and laughter to the lives of all who knew him. Everyone who entered his life was immediately a friend.

This very special man was preceded in death by his lover, Roger, five years ago. He leaves behind one sister, three brothers, and many, many friends here in Sacramento and throughout the world.

Shortly after his death, many of his friends gathered in his home and shared memories of Eddie. We laughed and cried and we remembered. We'll never forget you, Eddie. We miss you!

Jimmie Collier --- - 12/27/90

On December 27, 1990, Jimmie Collier, a member of River City MCC, passed from this earth. Jimmie wrote music and sang often at the 11am services. His music often expressed his emotions generated from living with AIDS. He played his guitar and sang folk ballads in his sweet baritone voice. As he weakened, he sang from his wheelchair and finally, when he could no longer hold the guitar, he sang with accompaniment.

Jimmie was very active in the music department of RCMCC. He was the Music Coordinator of AIDS Vigil '90, and played "Father" in the premier production of "A Tribute to the Memory of You."

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Demonstrators claim that

Gallagher Is Not Humorous

by **Keith Clark**

Some 75 to 100 demonstrators with the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) Queer Nation protested the Circle Star Theater in San Francisco December 14, to protest what they called the homophobic humor of comedian Gallagher.

The demonstrators braved the chilly night carrying signs, chanting and handing out flyers from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the popular concert-hall down the peninsula south of San Francisco. Over 3,500 fans of the comic turned out, passing GLAAD banners reading "Boycott Jerks" and taking Queer Nation fliers reading "Listen bigots, an attack on one of us is an attack on us all." No incidents were reported.

Gallagher became the object of lesbian/gay rights and AIDS activists earlier this year following a routine at Ceasers Tahoe where he appeared to advocate anti-gay violence. He said as a good American he wouldn't burn flags, but said he "might burn a couple of fags." During the same skit, the comic also sprayed the audience with silly-string, calling it "AIDS-in-a-can" and said now they wouldn't have to "fuck a fag to get it."

Ruth Propper, who handles promotion for the comedian said Gallagher had dropped the gay and AIDS material from his routines but had "no apologies" about the earlier material.

But according to Greg Hullender of GLAAD, the group monitored the Circle Star show and said it included a routine in which he asked the audience about a teenage boy, "Is this a fag, or what?"

According to Hullender, Gallagher mostly "Avoided the gay-word, but said that homosexuals were responsible for AIDS which was now striking heterosexuals...But he dropped the 'fag jokes' from his act - at least Friday night."

Wilson's "Gala" Featured Gallagher

Gallagher was one of the entertainers chosen to perform for the "Inaugural Gala" January 6, at Sacramento's Arco Arena.

Governor Wilson's inauguration coordinators insisted that "Gallagher would not perform any anti-gay material" at the event.

No protests were reported, yet the talk among gay rights activists reflects a sense of distrust due to the lack of sensitivity to gay/lesbian issues in hiring the comedian to perform.

Supervisors Support Gay Marriage 100%

To show their support for Assembly Bill 167, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors released a resolution which overwhelmingly supported the rights of gay men and lesbians to become legally married in the state of California.

AB167 was introduced to the state legislature on December 20, 1990 by Assemblymember John Burton, D-San Francisco. The amendments Burton suggests for sections 4100 and 4101 of the Civil Code replace the use of gender specific words, "man and woman", to read "two persons."

Because existing California law only permits marriage between couples of opposite gender, the Supervisors noted in the resolution that this practice "discriminated against lesbian couples and gay male couples."

To support the need for AB167 the resolution stated that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors "abhors discrimination of any kind and finds the present California law on marriage to discriminate against lesbians and gay men and denies same-sex couples substantial legal, economic and social benefits and obligations that accompany marriage."

While the backing for AB167 appears to be strong, the battle for its passage will be with the religious right wing and insurance companies.

No state allows for same-sex marriages at this time. Denmark is the only country that permits lesbians and gay men to marry. Holland and Sweden are actively studying similar reforms.

Chico PFLAG Gets the Word Out - It's OK to be Gay

by **David Welton**

When retired Professor Harlen Adams learned his son was gay, his reaction was predictable yet astounding. Loving support of his son came easily, but Adams empathized with the plight of other parents struggling to understand their gay and lesbian children.

He founded one of the first chapters of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) in Chico, and began his journey through 474 books on the subject of homosexuality.

"Parents seem to be more concerned about their own actions and attitudes. A parental reaction like, 'What did I do wrong?' or 'What will the neighbors think?' is selfish." Adams wonders, "When do parents begin to think about the child?"

In September 1978, Adams and wife Lois hosted their first P-FLAG meeting in their apartment; four people attended. Word spread quickly among parents wishing to understand and accept their gay and lesbian children. Within a few years, 44 participants were jamming the Adams' living room and meetings were moved to a local church.

P-FLAG has continued to serve the Chico community for the past 12 years. The group offers a family atmosphere of support to parents, siblings and friends of gay men and lesbians, as well as support to gay and lesbian people themselves. Monthly meetings have recently drawn

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"The biggest factor in homophobia in America is religous prejudice."

Harlen and Lois Adams of PFLAG Chico.

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Insurance Company Recognizes Couples

One of the top five companies writing homeowner's insurance in the D.C. area announced this month that it will now recognize domestic partnerships in the same way it currently recognizes legal spouses on policies.

In a press statement issued November 21, the Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington, D.C., said it was the "first insurance company in the nation" to provide such recognition through its policies.

Attorneys familiar with the field agreed, and applauded the move. "When it comes to homeowner's insurance, I don't know of any" other companies which have recognized domestic partners, said local attorney Laura Einstein. "Certainly, any recognition of gay and lesbian partnerships is really significant.

Washington Blade

Lesbians Plead Guilty in Bombing

Two lesbians and another woman pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge related to the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Capitol. The women also pleaded guilty to aiding the actual bombing as part of a plea agreement. Linda Evans and Laura Whitehorn, the lesbians, and Marilyn Buck entered their plea last Friday in front of U.S. District Court Judge Harold Greene. About a dozen other charges against the women were dropped in the plea agreement. Also, conspiracy charges against three other co-defendants were dropped. Sentencing for the trio was scheduled for November 28, 1990.

The bombing of the Capitol followed the U.S. invasion of Grenada. The defendants have been active in various political movements, including the Black Panthers, the anti-war movement, and the movement to oppose U.S. military and political intervention in Central America. During their plea, Whitehorn and Evans said they were "guilty of participating in a conspiracy . . . to resist and protest the unjust practices of the United States," according to a Washington Post report.

Washington Blade

Essence Magazine Hypocritical

Washington, D.C., the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has joined other organizations around the country in criticizing the refusal of *Essence Magazine* to honor its advertising contract with the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum (BGLLF).

BGLLF received notice from Essence last November stating the magazine would not run an ad from the organization, even though the group had already contracted and paid for the insert. The ad featured photographs of a variety of Black lesbians and gay men and emphasized black gay "visibility."

"This action by Essence Magazine's executive officer, Ed Lewis, is raw hypocrisy and blatantly homophobic," said Ivy Young, NGLTF Families Project Director and a former board member of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays.

"If you pick up a copy of Essence Magazine today," Young said, "you will find advertisements from Coca-Cola, a company many African-Americans are boycotting because of its on-going ties to apartheid. Why hasn't Mr. Lewis pulled those ads?"

NGLTF

Denmark Marriage and Divorce?

Approximately 700 couples have taken advantage of Denmark's gay marriage option since the new law took effect last year. Of those, 82 percent were gay male couples. There were also two gay divorces recorded. Meanwhile, one lesbian has been charged with bigamy because she married her female lover before divorcing her husband.

Outlines News Service

Anti-sodomy Law in U.S.S.R.

One prominent gay activist was murdered, another evicted from his apartment, and a third -- a lesbian -- charged with violating the country's law against anal sex between men this month. According to unconfirmed reports, the murdered activist was editor of an independent pro-democracy newspaper. Roman Kalinin, who visited Washington D.C., on a speaking tour of the U.S. just this month, was evicted from his apartment for being gay and has been summoned to the police along with nine other gay activists. Meanwhile, Olga Zhuk, the lesbian founder of Leningrad's gay group, has been charged with violating the anti-sodomy law for men.

Outlines News Service

Censorship in Austria

A court in Vienna recently ordered the confiscation of a gay organization's two magazines. Austrian law prohibits the dissemination of information about homosexuality.

Outlines News Service

Professor Forced Back in the Closet

A teacher who came out to his law school class on National Coming Out Day apologized to the class for doing so under threat that he would lose his job.

According to Boston's Gay Community News, Greg Johnson acknowledged he was gay during an October 11 class discussion of the U.S. Supreme Court's Bowers vs. Hardwick decision, which upheld state sodomy laws. A number of students reportedly complained to the University of Oregon administration, which invoked a policy prohibiting teachers from introducing irrelevant material in classroom discussions.

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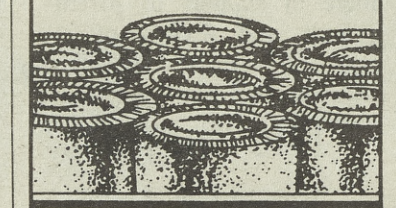

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HIV Negative Men Coping With Survivor Guilt

by **Tom Romanotto**

The Psychological Impact of AIDS and HIV on Uninfected Gay Men was the topic of a workshop at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation on December 10.

Dr. Walt Odets recognized common problems in HIV-negative men and described their symptoms as depression, anxiety, isolation, an inability to perform sexually, participating in unsafe sex and having survivor guilt. The men especially affected were those having survived the death of friends or lovers whose sexual behavior had not been different from their own, and yet they had not developed HIV.

Many HIV negative men feel that it is not appropriate to discuss their fears and feelings about the subject of HIV and, in fact, many men actually felt ashamed or embarrassed to be HIV negative, and remain closeted about their HIV status.

With approximately 40,000 people newly infected with HIV each year and because of some uncertainty about what the tests actually tell us, Dr. Odets stated that uninfected men in the gay community are often referred to as the "worried well," it seems unlikely that the survivors of such a social and psychological calamity would be merely worried or truly well. Depression, anxiety, and guilt are often complicated by a confusion of identity between being gay and having AIDS. Thus, the homosexualization of AIDS. This identity confusion arises from the unconscious feeling that because gay life has come to revolve so much around HIV, to be true to one's self and community, one must be HIV positive. Such identity confusion should be explored particularly in cases of survivor guilt, guilt-mediated depression or anxiety and self-destructive behaviors.

The psychological closet is another matter to be addressed and many uninfected men are at great risk in this psychological sense. Too many are retreating in the face of this plague -- its real-world horrors, and its psychological ones -- into the historically, if not personally, familiar psychological closet of depression, isolation and loneliness. The words of a 23-year-old gay man, having recently been diagnosed HIV positive, are haunting: "I'm sometimes glad to think that in ten years I'll be dead. By then, the only gay people left will be those whose lives will be ruined by watching the rest of us die." It's a horrible thought and surely an exaggeration, but there is also some truth in his words. If gay men cannot clarify their confusion of identity between being gay and having AIDS, and cannot re-establish individual and social identities free of this extreme entanglement, and if they cannot discuss the bewildering and painful feelings that everyone -- infected and uninfected -- is experiencing in response to this epidemic, it will surely cost the gay community decades of psychological, social, and political growth.

The bottom line of HIV is an unavoidable issue for any gay man living today: If you identify with the feelings and/or behaviors discussed in this article, Dr. Odets suggests forming a support group or talking with a counselor.

Reference: *Focus Volume 5, Number 11.* **Dr. Odets' practice is located in Berkeley.**

Healing Service Planned

Delta Harvest MCC has announced an AIDS/-ARC/HIV+ Service of Healing and Hope to be held Sunday, January 27. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Kenneth C. Bland, M.Div., at 6:30 p.m., at the First Unitarian Fellowship, 2737 Pacific Avenue, in Stockton. It will be preceded by the congregations monthly community potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Delta Harvest MCC is a new work of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a worldwide, ecumenical Christian denomination with a special outreach to the gay and lesbian community.

Doctors Petition FDA to
Release DDI and DDC

In a rare citizens' petition to the Food and Drug Administration, dozens of doctors, nurses and medical aides urged the government to cut red tape and hustle two promising AIDS drugs onto the market.

"There are patients who cannot tolerate or have developed resistance to AZT (the only licensed AIDS drug)," said Dr. Donald Abrams, head of the Community Consortium, composed of doctors and other health workers who treat victims of AIDS. "For them, it's like being back in 1985 when people with AIDS had no options," he said. The doctors demanded that the FDA order the makers to submit the drugs by February 1, and that the FDA decide on their value by March 1.

Both drugs, considered cousins of AZT, appear in preliminary results to improve the human immune system's level of CD4 cells that battle infection. The virus does not appear to become resistant to either DD1 or DDC as quickly as it does AZT.

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Manufacturers Association-- two groups that strongly opposed AB 1. He feels that gay and lesbians have a better chance of receiving support this time around, due to changes in leadership, and to changes in the corporate climate.

"Many large corporations have come across with non-discriminatory policies related to sexual orientation. Some things have improved since 1984."

The bill won't be heard in committee until late January or early February, but has been directed toward the Assembly's Labor and Employment Committee, which Friedman chairs. The other members of the committee have not yet been named, so anticipating possible amendments to the bill is premature.

According to Linda Joplin, State Coordinator for California NOW, AB 101 is "one of the top 4 or 5 priorities," this year for the legislative branch of the organization. NOW also plans to assist in "mobilizing the chapters" to perform grass-roots lobbying efforts.

Joplin feels that the issue is important to all feminists, and will draw activists statewide. When queried about a possible lukewarm level of participation on the part of more "mainstream" NOW members, (who have "come back into the fold" over the issue of reproductive rights) Joplin acknowledged that there have been differences between lesbian and non-lesbian members over the level of activism for gay rights. But, Joplin feels that the historical ideological split is "in the past." "It hasn't been an issue since I came here in 1985, at least."

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Besides wooing support from Republican legislators and business groups, supporters will have to duck a heavy barrage of propaganda from Lou Sheldon and the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC). Sheldon already sent a mailer in late December denouncing AB 101 as "another threat to family values."

Laurie McBride, LIFE's Executive Director, summarized Sheldon's strategy. "He's only doing this for fundraising purposes, on the backs of gays and lesbians. We're not going to feed into the belief that we're out to destroy fair employment and housing for all Californians. We are people, too. We have families"

LIFE's gameplan is similar to plans outlined by Martin. They will be mounting grass-roots efforts to meet with local community and business groups to educate and to enlist support. "Many Republicans would face inordinate hostility if they voted 'yes' on AB 101. Our job is to make it easier for them to do that," McBride said.

One segment of the gay and lesbian community that may act as a bridge is the gay/lesbian Log Cabin clubs. LIFE met with Log Cabin representatives on January 8, and McBride reiterated that the gay Republicans would be heavily involved in the fight to win passage.

Wilson's faceoff with the right wing at the past state Republican Convention over expelling the Log Cabin clubs may prove to be a pivotal lure to encourage (normally) closeted, conservative gays to take a public stance on the issue.

LIFE is asking for financial and volunteer support to produce mailers and to perform other related tasks associated with a lobby effort of this magnitude. For more information call LIFE at 444-0424.

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70 people with the mailing list growing to over 350 people.

"The biggest factor in homophobia in America is religious prejudice." Adams describes how narrow religious beliefs can complicate coming out to families. "Homophobia is a significant and serious factor in families that are convinced that they know the [biblical] truth. It is the basis for the antagonism of fundamentalists who are sure they know the truth as they interpret the Bible."

Adams' life is marked with diverse religious affiliations. Born the son of a Mormon missionary, he went on to serve as a national commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Commissioner Adams was a key player in a dispute over the ordination of a gay man, in 1976. At California State University, Chico (CSUC), he taught the first Biblical interpretation course.

A lifelong educator, Adams studied at Harvard and Princeton before receiving his doctorate from Stanford in 1938. During his 32 years at CSUC, he served as professor of English, Speech and Drama, as well as Dean of several departments, and Vice President.

A performing arts theater on the CSUC campus was named in his honor upon his retirement in 1974. It is difficult to imagine that this vibrant and energetic friend of the gay and lesbian community will be 87 years old in a few months.

The highlight of the year for Adams was First Lady Barbara Bush's positive letter of support to the International Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays President, Paulette Goodman.

Internationally, P-FLAG has grown to 116 chapters in 21 countries since formation in 1981. The Chico group has existed longer than the international organization.

Adams sees reaching out to teenagers as P-FLAG's biggest challenge. Goodman described a youth project called "Respect All Youth" at the October 1990 international convention in Anaheim. "The conservative right does not have a monopoly on traditional family values," Goodman said. She added that "people in P-FLAG love and respect their gay ad non-gay children equally."

P-FLAG Chico holds meetings the third Sunday of each month at 1pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 667 East 1st Ave, Chico. Contact Harlen and Lois Adams, 555 Vailombrosa Ave, #73, Chico 95926, (916) 891-5718. P-FLAG Sacramento holds meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Christian Education Building, 2391 Marks Way, Sacramento. For more information, contact Merrill and Muriel Follansbee, P.O. Box 2163, W. Sacramento 95691, (916) 444-9510.

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Metaphysics - One Man's View of Spirituality

by **Tom Romanotto**

The dictionary defines metaphysics as the branch of philosophy that seeks to explain the nature of being and reality. A basic metaphysical idea is that the thoughts and beliefs we have about ourselves and life will manifest into our reality.

For example, if the beliefs you have about God are that God is judgmental and avenging, then you will have the feelings of guilt and shame and fear that go along with that belief.

We all need to learn from life the way we as individuals need to learn from it. Carrying guilt from any belief system doesn't make the learning any easier.

I was taught, as many of us were, that God is someone outside of ourselves and that what we should do is seek that God's approval, but with the terms of many traditional religions, being gay was enough to ensure that we would never get that God's approval.

It has taken a lot of work for me to let go of old beliefs and to find new ones that support and nurture me. My advice to young people is to question everything, including my ideas. What I now believe is that God is in all of us, we are all a perfect expression of God or spirit or Light -- call it anything that works for you. God is not something outside of ourselves that we need to seek out. God is inside of each of us and all we have to do is to open up and let it out. Every time you see someone in pain and you feel compassion for them that is letting God out. Every time your eyes meet another human's and you both smile, that is letting God out. Every time you hug a friend or kiss your lover, that's letting God out. Every time you stand up for yourself, that is letting God out. So my philosophy is not to seek God out, but to let Got out. This applies to ourselves as well, when we learn to love ourselves, we are in perfect harmony with the God in us.

We also do not need to seek out love; we need to let more of it out. We need to work on being loving and lovable, and love will find us.

If you would like to read more about how I got here, I recommend "*The Game of Life*" by Florence Shinn; "*The Road Less Traveled*" by Scott Peck, and "*What You Think of Me Is None of My Business*" by Terry Cole-Whittaker.

Try to be Kind to Your Spine

by **Lynn McNeal D.C.**

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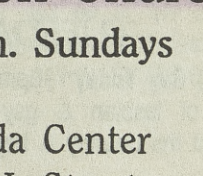

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15 tuesday

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Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays will meet at 7:30 pm in the Christian Education Building at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, for more info call (916) 444-9510.

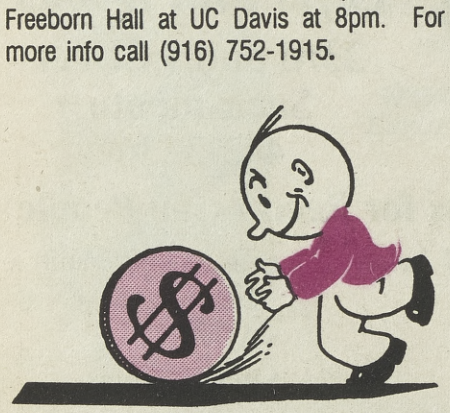
TUESDAYS

"Being Gay Today" 10pm on Cable 63. 1 hour of lesbian & gay programs from around the country & beyond.

Mothers Only, a peer support group for mothers who have lost a son or daughter to AIDS, or who have an HIV+ son or daughter. 1:30 pm at 1900 K St, Suite 201. For more info call (916) 447-5075.

18 friday

Camerata Musica of Berlin, will perform in Freeborn Hall at UC Davis at 8pm. For more info call (916) 752-1915.



Attracting Money and Positive Relationships a workshop at the Church of Enthusiasm and Joy, 2755 Cottage Way. $10 donation requested, for more info call (916) 456-5685.

The Davis Musical Theater Presents; PIPPIN, Fridays & Saturdays 8:15pm and Sundays at 2:15pm at 2121 2nd St in Davis. Tickets are $10. For more info call (916) 756-3682.
January 18 - February 10th.

Susan E. Johnson, Author of: Staying Power, Long Term Lesbian Couples. Reading and booksigning at 7pm at Lioness Books, 2224 J St. For more info call (916) 442-4657.

FRIDAYS

The Black Men's Exchange meets at 8 p.m. every Friday to support, and build relationships between Black men who love men. For location and more information call Joe Hawkins at 454-0516.

Cafe' Lambda at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street. An alternative to the bar scene featuring gourmet coffees and desserts. 8 p.m. to midnight and **Youth Rap Group** at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street, 5:45

19 saturday

A Mini-bluegrass Festival, at the Party Palace, 2601 Claybank Rd. in Fairfield. Tickets are $19.50 - $25. For more info call (415) 285-0339.

A Citizen's Guide to Environmental Excellence, free seminar at the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op, 1900 Alhambra Bl. (916) 455-2667 5pm-6:30pm.

21 monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

"Games Nite" at the Women's Rap Group, Lambda Center 7pm-9pm, 1931 L St. (916) 442-0185.

KODO, Japanese Percussion Ensemble will perform at Freeborn Hall on the UC Davis Campus 8pm. Tickets are $17-$20, available at UC Davis Box Office, (916) 752-7117, or at Bass outlets, (916) 923-BASS. **January 21 & 22**

MONDAYS

Lambda Center Women's Rap Group, Mondays 7pm-9pm, 1931 L St., (916) 442-0185.

22 tuesday

Stop Smoking Clinic at CARES, 2710 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento. The 7 week course is part of the American Lung Association's Freedom From Smoking Program and it is free. Call Patti for details at 443-3299.

Maya Angelou appears at the Sacramento Community Center Theater. 7:30 pm, tickets are $11 - $23 available at the Community Center Box Office, (916) 449-5181 or at Bass outlets, (916) 923-BASS

23 wednesday

River City Democratic Club Elections at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street. Call 442-0185 for time.

27 sunday

Super Bowl Party at the Buff. 1831 S Street, 442-1087. Special raffle prizes and hors d'ouvres.

Faces - Super Bowl Party. 1/2 time extravaganza. Door prizes & food. 2000 K Street. 448-7798.

Family Festival Explores Shapes, Words & Spirit..., at the Crocker Art Museum from 1pm-4pm. For more info call (916) 449-5423

28 monday

"PMS-Dealing with the Blues" Women's Rap Group, Lambda Center 7pm-9pm, 1931 L St. (916) 442-0185

Singing Auditions for A Chorus Line will be from 7pm-10pm at the Davis Musical Theater Company, 2121 2nd St in Davis. For more info call (916) 756-3682

February

29 tuesday

Earth Awareness Forum: Make a Recycle Resolution, free seminar at the Natural Foods Co-op, 1900 Alhambra Bl. (916) 455-2667 7:30pm.

Tax Planning presented by the Lambda Community Center and Marsha Oritt of MLO Financial Services. 7 p.m. at 1931 L Street.

30 wednesday

Music Circus Presents: Les Miserables Community Center Theater, Tickets $20-$45 For Info call (916) 449-5181.
January 30 - February 10

1 friday

" Year of the Ram", in Celebration of the Chinese New Year, Exhibit at the Lite Rail Gallery, 918 12th St. Feb 1-28

2 saturday

Variety Show to benefit CARES, 8 p.m. at Joseph's Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. $3 donation. The show will feature female impersonators Brenda and Jimi.

Demystifying the Legislative Process, the California NOW Legislative Workshop from 9:30am - 4 pm in the State Capitol. $25 per person, for more info call Susan Cummings at (916) 442-3414

Party in Recognition of Black History Month. The Sacramento Chapter of the Black Men's Exchange (BMX) and "Music By Joey" present a "Sensationally Sweet" Party at Club Shangri-La, 6339 Mack Road. Cover charge is $5.00. For info call 427-5713 or 454-0516.

"Wood'n Stuff" a 2 day woodcarving class led by Marilyn Calderon. For more info call (707)462-3485 or 451-2221

Camping Women are having a cross country ski day at Luther Pass. For more info call Gail at (916) 689-9326

4 monday

"Satisfaction Guaranteed?" Women's Rap Group, Lambda Center 7pm-9pm, 1931 L St. (916) 442-0185

8 friday

Amanda Foxx presented by the Do-Cats at Joseph's Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. 8 p.m.

Absolutely Positive, a film about people living with the HIV virus will premiere at 8pm at the Castro Theater, 429 Castro St, San Francisco. Benefit for the UCSF AIDS Health Project tickets are $10 for the film, or $35 for the reception and premiere. For more info call (415) 476-6430.

9 saturday

The Ms. Leather Sacramento Contest at Joseph's Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. 7 p.m., cover charge is $5.00. Special guest performer Amanda Foxx.

The Lambda Players Present "Cloud Nine" at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street. Tickets $6 advance $8 at door. Reservations recommended - call 442-0185.
Saturdays & Sundays thru March 3

Absolutely Positive, a film about people living with the HIV virus will be at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St. San Francisco through February 14.

10 sunday

Reception for artist Karlo Djurovich at the Town House, 1517 21st Street. 5 p.m.

Dinner & Show with Paul and Stacy. Proceeds from the show to benefit UC Davis Med. Center AIDS ward. 7 p.m. at Joseph's Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. $10.00 donation.

11 monday

"Potluck" by the Women's Rap Group, Lambda Center 7pm-9pm, 1931 L St. (916) 442-0185. Please bring a dish to share.

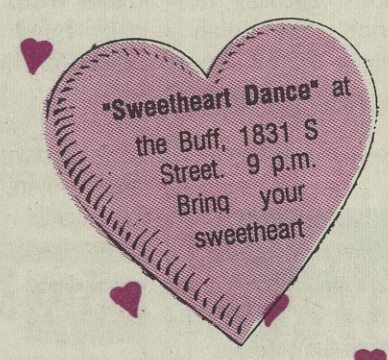
12 tuesday

Self-Defense 101, presented by the Lambda Community Center and self defense expert Midge Marino. Class will include basic defense maneuvers. 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. 1931 L Street.

13 wednesday

An Evening With Alex Haley, in Freeborn Hall at UC Davis at 8pm. For more info call (916) 752-2523

14 thursday



15 friday

Leather & Feather Dinner Show presented by the Sacramento Leather Association at Joseph's Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd.

18 monday

Swing 234 presented by the Lambda Community Center and dance teacher John Batchelor. 7 - 9 p.m. at 1931 L St. For details call 442-0185.

22 friday

Red, Hot & Cole, a musical celebrating the life of Cole Porter will be at the Davis Musical Theater Company, 2121 2nd St, Davis. For more info call (916) 756-3682. Feb 22-Mar 30

23 saturday

SACWN's Valentine Dance featuring the band "Heartbeats". 2425 Sierra Blvd. (Howe and Fulton) in Sacramento. 8p.m. to midnight. An event for women 21 & over. For info call 486-8985.

Plan-It In Advance

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the latest ENTERTAINMENT

Dunbar (Kevin Costner), center, and the Sioux people leave their village.

Dances With Wolves Excellent

by **Chris Gerald**

In a tribute to a vanished era, first-time director Kevin Costner has scored a major coup. It was a dark side of our history when the white man blindly slaughtered a group of people he refused to understand.

Lt. John Dunbar (Costner), a Union soldier fresh from the Civil War, is assigned by a drunken officer to a desolate army post. Alone, he slowly makes the acquaintance of a nearby Sioux tribe. Gradually, and with mutual respect, Dunbar is adopted by the tribe until eventually he adopts their noble and simple ways. Costner's biggest flaw is to bring a '60's sensibility to the tale with a character that seems too eager to please. Even though we know virtually nothing about his past, there is no air of mystery to make the character affecting. Movies have a way of either making Indians too evil or too perfect, never allowing complex individuals to take full shape. Costner, too, treats them as saints. Costner, however, scores extra credit for his panoramic view of battles, buffalo hunts and the ritual aspects of the Sioux tribe, making the three-hours-plus playing time seem unnoticeable. ⚡⚡⚡⚡

Not Without My Daughter

Raise your hand, if you're tired of seeing Sally Field weeping. The year is 1984. Betty Mahmoody's (Field) Iranian husband (Alfred Molina), tired of hearing the racial slurs against his people, longs to see his homeland. Wearing Betty down, he assures her that they will be safe in Iran. After all, it's only two weeks, and after all, no one in his family has met her or their seven-year-old daughter. All is well until they are ready to leave. Mahmoody has no intention of leaving Iran. When Betty learns that women have virtually no rights in Iran, she realizes that she is, in fact, nothing more than her husband's hostage. This is powerful stuff, but here it is presented with no real power and becomes strangely unaffecting. Perhaps Ms. Field should have left the subject matter to Meredith Baxter-Birney and the movie of the week. The audience might have been better served if she did. ⚡⚡

Edward Scissorhands

A kindly inventor (Vincent Price shown in flashbacks) fashions a pale, shy boy (Johnny Depp) with a stock of pitch-black hair and a complicated array of scissors for hands. The old scientist dies before he can replace them with the new hands he has given Edward for Christmas. Left alone in the mansion on a hill, Edward is discovered by the Avon lady (Diane Wiest) and taken down into a world he is ill-prepared for. For a brief time, he has his fifteen minutes of fame as he uses his "difference" to sculpt hedges into familiar forms. While the storytelling is the weak link, Depp's heartfelt, impeccable performance as this doleful young man gives the movie its spirit. ⚡⚡⚡

Mermaids

Meet Mrs. Flax (Cher), a sexpot mom with two daughters who prepares nothing but finger-food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Yum, marshmallow kebobs! Desperate for stability and in an effort to not become her mother, the teenage daughter (Winona Ryder) longs to be a nun, although the family is Jewish. Though the cast, including Bob Hoskins, is flawless, the movie lacks any soul. Blame this on the turgid novel it came from, which sadly is lacking in likeable characters. But I wouldn't be too surprised if the story line turned up on next season's television schedule. ⚡⚡⚡

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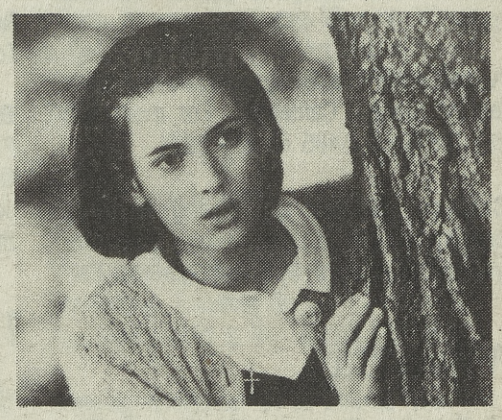

Winona Ryder in "Mermaids".
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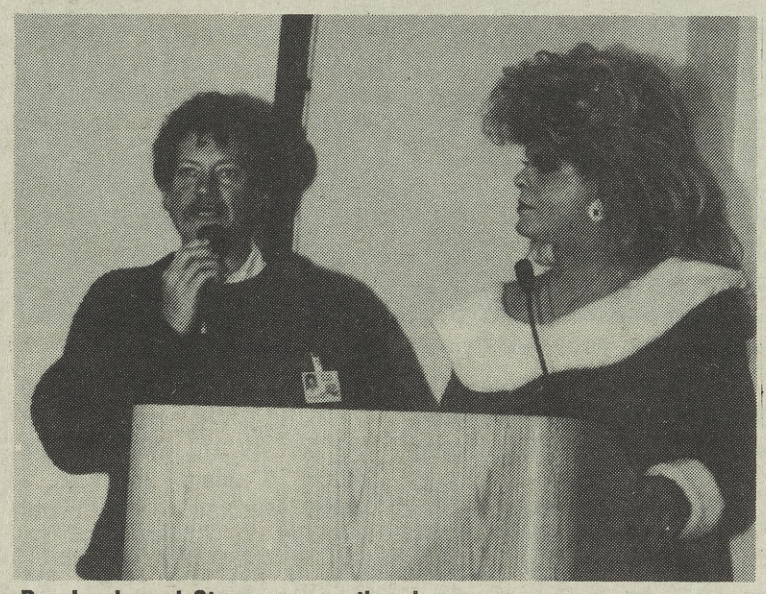
Fairy Godfather Fund Makes Christmas Come to Life

by **Kate Moore**

Members of the new community fundraising organization, the Fairy Godfather Fund, worked through December to make the holidays brighter for the men and women on the AIDS ward of UC Davis.

Money was raised to stuff stockings and decorate the ward through a show called "Stocking Stuffers" that was held on December 7th. The show was a true success, with hundreds of dollars raised. The performers at the "Stocking Stuffers" show were committed to making the lives of people with AIDS (PWA's) better. The show was duplicated on December 23 for the men and women in the hospital at Christmas. Other fundraisers were held at the Mercantile Saloon with Bobbette making his famous tacos for charity.

Brenda.



Ray Lewis and Stacey emcee the show.

Emcee's Ray Lewis and Stacey ushered in some of the top local female impersonators to entertain the AIDS patients in the basement auditorium of the medical center. (And some of the worst, Paul & Zott) Jimi and Brenda were a couple of the most notable of the acts with their rendition of "Sisters" bringing out belly laughs from the audience. The lone lesbian performer, Jolanne Tierney also shared her talent with the AIDS patients.

Just a few patients made the trip down to the basement for the show. One of the nurses supervising them commented "You can just feel the love and caring in the room...it is so kind of people to give the way they are giving."

Paul and Zott dress up for PWA's (scary).

Over 100 stocking were stuffed full of goodies and 50 decorated trees were dispersed on the ward. Lights and garland decorated the halls as Christmas day arrived. This year, the men and women on the floor felt loved by strangers. This year, the members of the Fairy Godfather Fund understood the true meaning of Christmas.

Immigration of PWA's O.K. to US

After two years of controversy, the secretary of Health and Human Services has removed AIDS-virus infection from the list of sicknesses that can keep someone from entering the United States, Federal officials said Thursday, January 3.

Until the new policy goes into effect on June 1, people infected with the AIDS virus, known as the human immunodeficiency virus, will continue to be barred from entering the country unless they declare that they are infected and seek a waiver.

Dr. Louis Sullivan's change has been urged by protesters, especially since a boycott was staged at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS last June in San Francisco. Several thousand representatives who might have been required to obtain waivers took part in the boycott.

Sacramento Bee

Gay Couple Plan to Marry in D.C.

Craig Dean and Patrick Gill have been together for five years. Recently, they came to the decision that it was time to further solidify their relationship by getting married. Pastor Candace Sultes of the Metropolitan Community Church agreed to perform the ceremony -- IF they could get a marriage license.

They got a flat "no," says Dean. "We were told that the bureau does not authorize same-sex marriages."

Thus, on November 26, Dean filed a suit on behalf of himself and Gill, demanding that Washington, D.C., pay the couple $1.25 million in damages. "Someone has to take the first step," says Dean, comparing himself and his lover to civil rights activist Rosa Parks. The suit asks for $250,000 in compensatory damages -- benefits such as taxes, insurance and medical

Patsy Lynch

leave that the couple will not receive if they cannot be married -- and $1 million in punitive damages for "willful, unlawful and malicious denial of our rights," says Dean. "We thought that was a good amount, that it would definitely get their [D.C. officials'] attention."

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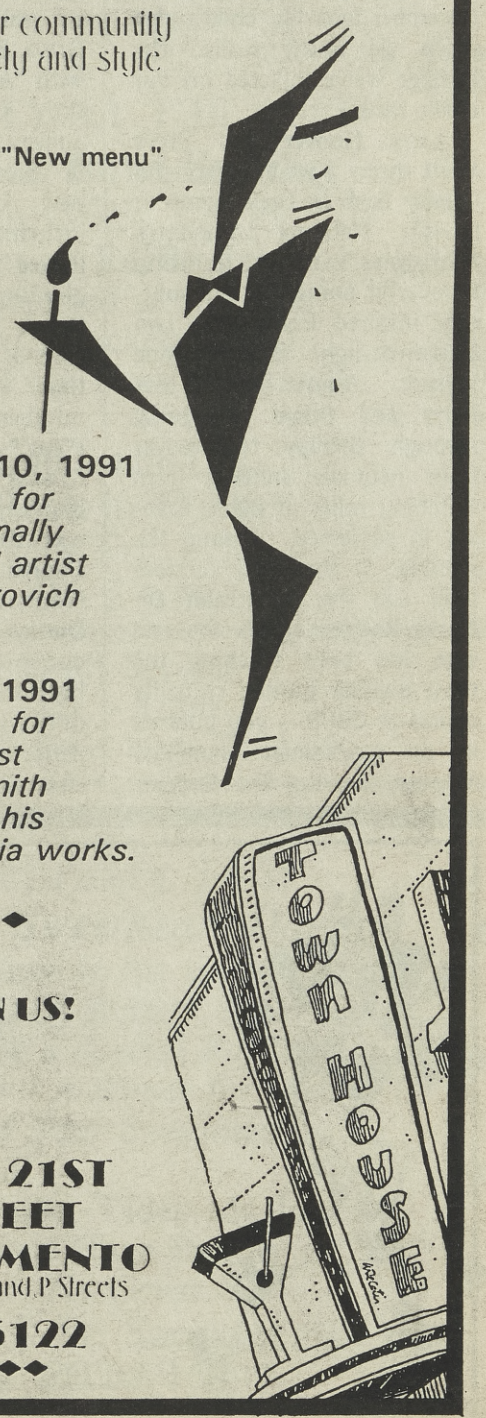

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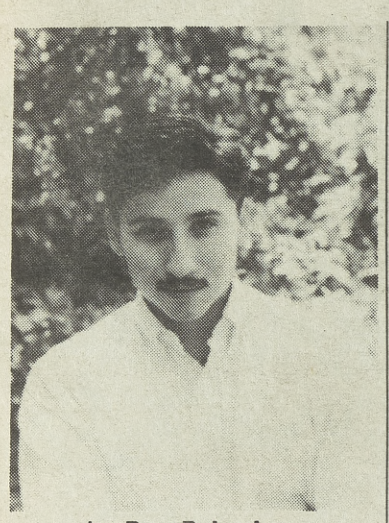

by **Dan Palomino**

Happy New Year! But Wait! The Hellidaze are not quite over: if you thought the holiday season was a time for sucking down cocktails, I have a hunch that January's tippling makes December look like child's play when we finally realize the damage we've inflicted on our credit cards.

Larry Hoover and **Steve Scott** threw a wildly successful holiday bash at their home in Davis. National Lampoon's "Christmas Vacation" featuring an over-lit home was undoubtedly inspired from these two Christmas-light fanatics gone berserk. Rumor has it that **Larry** and **Steve** are going through therapy to recover from neurosis suffered from watching miles of lights flashing in sequence. Among the notables at the party (besides moi) was the remarkable **Dr. Marty Rodgers.** (He's the one who has been teaching the most popular human sexuality course at CSUS -- you guessed it, on gay/lesbian sexuality.) Anyway, hearing **Dr. Rodgers** claim to hear no evil, see no evil, and do no evil, I suspect he's making a serious bid to become the next candidate for the immaculate conception. At the other end of the spectrum, **Empress Vanna What** (rhymes with "slut") made a guest appearance looking just wanton wearing those flashy rhinestones. The party was made memorable by a catfight between **Frank Lawler** and **Paul Jones.** I hear **Mizz Lawlah** narrowly won the round which goes to prove that old age and craftiness will triumph over youth and beauty. And to think that **Paul's** catty tongue was employed to sing a wonderful Italian love song at the **Sacramento Men's Chorus Winter Concert** just a few days earlier!

And wasn't the **Sacramento Men's Chorus Winter Concert** a real music-lover's treat! Brava, Brava, Brava! Beginning with "Ave Maria" by Bruckner, the Chorus wowed the audience with its smooth blend of voices. I saw quite a few new faces in the chorus, including **Jim Graham,** who looked great in a tux while gleefully barking out those tunes. I was suffering a severe case of goose pimples by the time their best and last number, the "Ave Maria, Gracia Plena," was sung. Plenty of Gracias, I might add, boys, to a job well sung. Also singing was **the Golden Gate Men's Chorus.** Catfight II: a San Francisco prima donna named **Donny Mitchell,** whose very conspicuous voice and histrionics on stage marred an otherwise respectable **GGMC** performance, met his match after the show when he mis-

Vanna What lures Santa closer with her womanly ways.

took feisty **Michael Bryant** for someone who gave a darn. Suffice it to say poor Donny was no match.

Coming and Going . . . a fond farewell to Hostess with the Mostest **Collete Jolicoeur** and **Barry Tuchman** who threw a tres chic good-bye party prior to their relocation to southern California. I hope someone gave them a high-efficiency breathing respirator for survival as a parting gift.

Blowing in from Nevada is **Mizz Stormy Weathers,** who impersonates **Divine.** While others look like **Divine** would if he had just been exhumed from the grave, this girl looks the best by far! While on the butch (?) side of the coin, a warm welcome to my friend **Vince Z.,** a refugee from LA who is not only single, but quite a looker! Sealed bids for his private home number will be accepted by me; stay tuned for time and date!.

What do you mean Guam?

I hear that **Kelly Blakesly** is temporarily relocating to Guam. Yes, it is an unusual natural phenomena -- a lesbian living in Guam. Hurry Back!

Marsha Oritt and Joan Frazzini took a long trip down the aisle recently on one of Robin Tyler's cruises for women. It seems that Robin and her lover had invited Rev. Troy Perry to come on the ship and marry them. Joan and Marsha found out and by the end of the cruise over 48 lesbian couples were married. Congratulations women!

An unnatural phenomena was observed in Palm Springs when two moons rose over the desert -- one of them courtesy of **Hussy Hedda Hopper's** bare bottom. I hear even the desert denizens went into hibernation. Didn't see much of this "other columnist" during the social season. I understand her holiday pastime was coupon clipping or lying in wait outside of Safeway to beg for grocery receipts from unsuspecting shoppers in order to get in on a low-airfare promo.

Bon voyage to **Chuk Lowry** and **Jeff Spicer** (known as the Heifer) as they move away to Kansas City. Rumor has it their move was encouraged either by outrage over their scandalous behavior, or that **Jeff's** company relocated him. I prefer to believe the former. Anyway, the "D Street Dungeon" is now closed and **Chuk's** artistic skills will be missed.

Did I mention the word artist? A new face in the local art scene is **Michael Scott Jones** who displayed some stunning art work of nudes and seminudes at the **Town House** pub recently. I've overheard local wags gossip of art being displayed in the **Town House** to keep one's mind off the food. How ruuuude! Puleeze grow some tastebuds, girls! I personally think the dinners are hearty and the brunches simply fabulous there.

Across town, **Joseph's Town and Country** is the location for **Santa Claus' and Miss Claws'** (Rob Thorbin and Robby Becker's) post-holiday Thank You, celebrating the generosity of our community: no-host cocktails and free munchies will precede a fine show at 8pm; circle January 18 for this spirited event!

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RUMOR

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In other entertainment news, hats off to my "little brother" **Lee Friend** on winning best cable program honors for his show, **Ovations.**

While watching **Roseanne Barr's** HBO special recently, I was pleased to hear her strong support of the gay/lesbian community and must say her jokes about gays and lesbians were tasteful and quite funny. If we can't laugh at the foibles of our own community, whatever the source, we're all going to end up with ulcers. In other art and entertainment news, I'm surprised that the Advocate named the late **Robert Mapplethorpe** as Man of the Year. Is there anyone out there who wonders whether just because he was gay, his homoerotic art has greater artistic significance? Although I loved some of his black and whites, his other photographs seemed prurient. There, I finally said it! Whew!

Back to less controversial topics, birthday wishes to **Robin Skalsky,** who is one up-and-coming Amway distributor (did you knew Amway is a Fortune 500 company?). Also, Happy B-Day to **Kevin Cohee,** who with his lover **Ed** are the Big Kahunas of Kristmas Kitsch (you should've seen their home during the holidays), and the housecleaning maven of Sacramento; **Steve Rozelle** is also celebrating getting older this month is **Tom Romanotto** and **Brian Eiland.**

OOPS: I incorrectly reported on a new AIDS support group last month. Founded by **Steve Koppes,** this group is called an **Attitudinal Healing Group,** phone: 682-4737. Its purpose is to break away from the "victim" role trap for HIV+ persons, and into an attitude and lifestyle celebrating life. This is a lesson that can be learned by all of us. If we cannot stop along the highways of life and smell the roses (for you vegetarians -- stop and EAT the roses), eventually life will cease to become the celebration of our selves that we were meant to enjoy.

Love Danny

SHOOTING

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mained at the bar for at least another hour talking. At about 9 p.m., they both stood up and left the bar together.

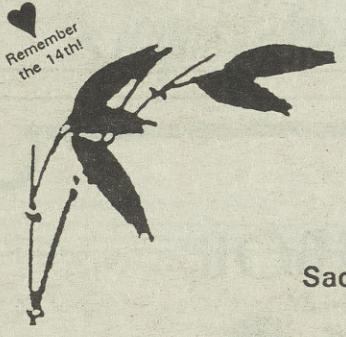
According to Detective T. Lee, once in the parking lot, near the victim's vehicle, a handgun was allegedly pulled out by Hobbs as shots were fired. Perron, recieved a critical chest wound. Hobbs then aledgedly stole Perron's wallet and keys and escaped in the victims truck, leaving him in the garbage area, bleeding.

Perron was discovered the next morning around 7:45 a.m. by a bar employee, and was quickly rushed to the intensive care unit at UC Davis Medical Center, where he remains critically injured, in a coma, and on a respirator. Hobbs is presently being returned to Sacramento to face criminal charges of attempted murder, says Chief Dohm. In addition, the victim's truck was recovered and is being returned. Hobbs is known to frequent gay bars in the Sacramento, San Francisco and Spokane areas, but no definite residence could be established, according to the police.

Perron was discovered the next morning.

Chief Lee Dohm said he was hesitant to label the incident as gay-related violence, since the suspect was also admittedly gay and that this type of violence is not isolated to the gay community alone, but occurs quite frequently in heterosexual bars, as well. Chief Dohm was also quick to applaud the fine teamwork shown by the Spokane Police Department and its gay community, as well as their excellent rapport with the Sacramento Police Department in apprehending the suspect.

Remember the 14th!



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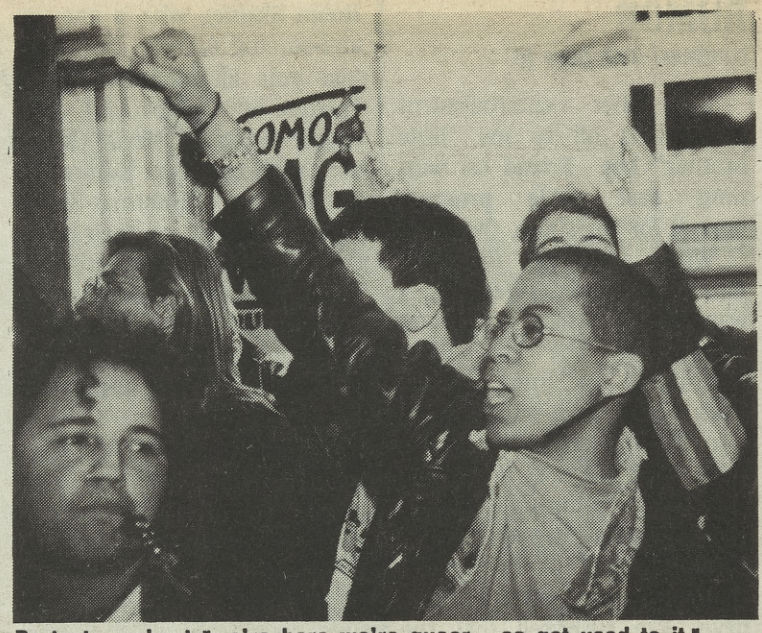
vatives in suits, ties and furs to the protesters in their "queer" garb and imposing attitudes of leather and sequins was in itself a dramatic statement of defiance. One of the protesters, J.C. Collins, said "They wouldn't even take a flyer from me because as one man said he was 'afraid of getting AIDS if he took it.'"

Jean Harris of Supervisor Harry Britt's office & Jerry Sloan.

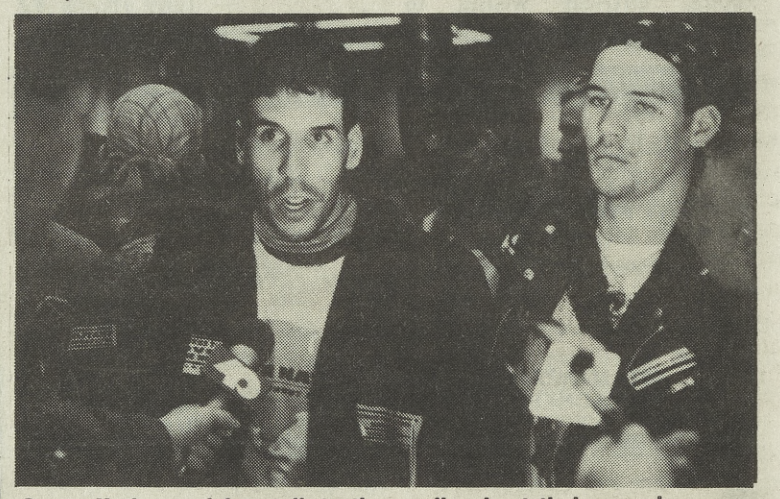
She went on to say "these are educated people and it is scary that they are so ignorant."

As Wilson was sworn in the protesters turned their backs to the stage and were quiet. But as he began to speak they joined arms and interrupted his speech with chants of "What do we want? Rights! When do we want them? Now!" Within seconds they were surrounded by police officers who attempted to remove the mass of protesting bodies as quickly as possible. In the uproar five activists were arrested. As the remaining protestors reached the doors to the auditorium they were shoved out onto the damp sidewalk on J street.

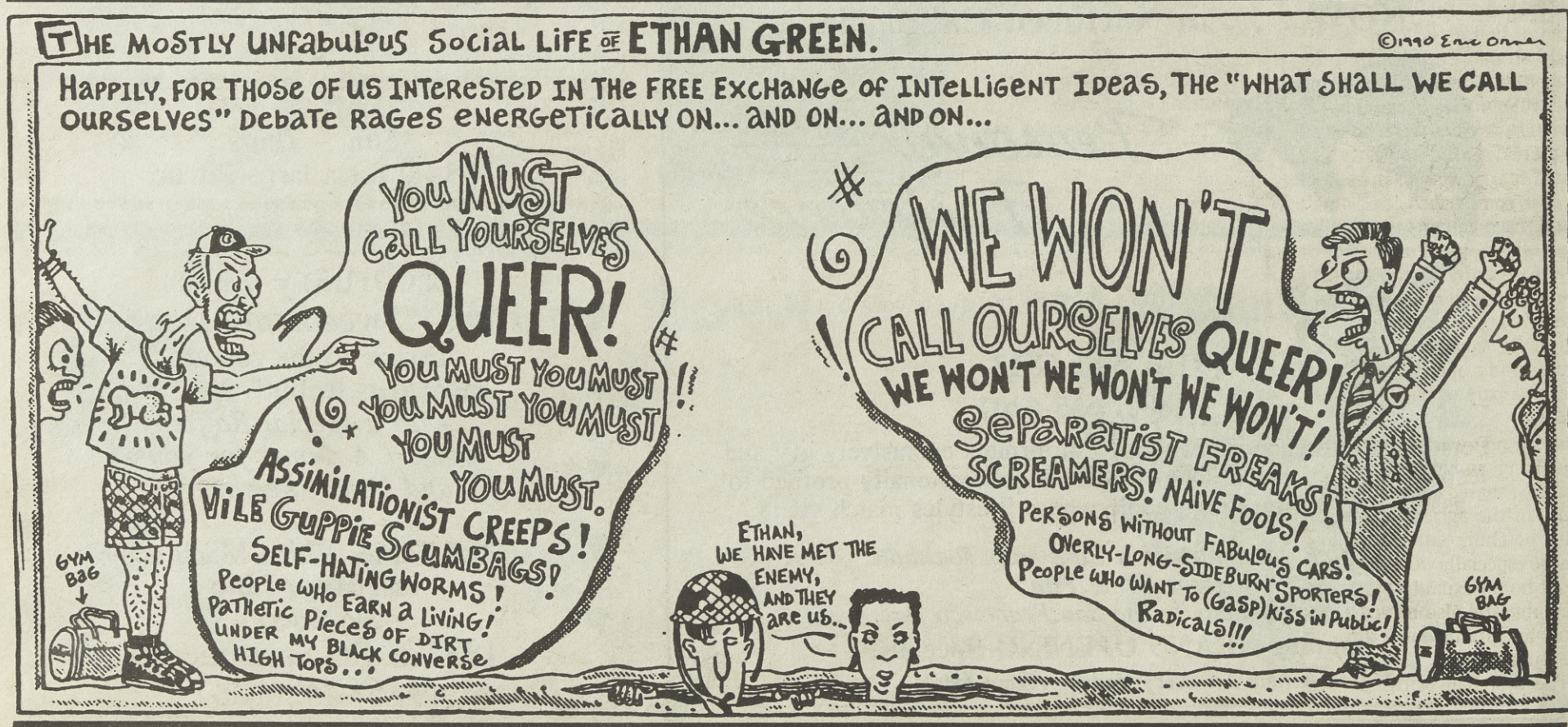


Protesters shout "we're here we're queer - so get used to it."

The protest continued outside as Wilson finished his speech. The groups then moved to the protest site for which they had a permit on the west side of the Convention Center. Jean Harris of San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt's office spoke to the activists and a few bystanders on AB101 and Britt's support of the efforts to petition the governor for more AIDS funding. Expressions of support were also offered by San Francisco Supervisors Carol Migden and Roberta Achtenberg, Senator Milton Marks and Assemblymember John Burton.



Queer Nation activists talk to the media about their agenda.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Book Review of

Gay American Indian Anthology

by Trudy Faulkenberry

Living the Spirit: A Gay American Indian Anthology, has proved to be a startling surprise. Not only does it reveal mysterious, historical information about how gays were treated by Indians before the white man conquered them, but it also reaches deep into the heart of what it means to be a gay Indian.

Did you know that the so called "medicine man" was in fact a transvestite? At puberty, if a young man could not follow the war path, there was an acceptable option for him, he could become the tribe's healer or "berdache." For the rest of his life he would wear women's clothes and do women's work like pottery making, cooking, and basket weaving. He also could go on the hunt and the war path if he chose to. He was holy and revered by the tribe, not ridiculed, and there was even an annual dance held in his honor. Not all berdache (a French word) were gay, but many were and they took on male lovers, who were not at all revered but rather ridiculed. Sometimes the chief of the tribe would take the berdache as a second or third wife because of his symbolic and economic value. Since a berdache could manufacture both male and female objects, he could bring his husband greater wealth.

The anthology also shows evidence of how some women could overcome the sex roles of their tribes. "Manly-hearted women" could choose the war path instead of household chores. One such woman even became the third highest chief in her tribe. The women who became hunters and warriors were honored as men, treated as men, and would marry women instead of men. In some tribes, the women could reach equality with males through the accumulation of wealth, usually in the form of inheritance, marriages, and gifts. After they had reached a significant economic level they could trade openly with men and be a part of tribal decision making.

In the non-warlike tribes, Navajo, Hopi, and Mohave, women and men shared equal status because of the agricultural economy of their societies. The Navajo especially were very open about homosexuality and cross-dressing, and also passed properties and status down through the female line.

The first half of the book is primarily historical and anthropological while the second half is more modern and personal. Autobiographical pieces, biographies, short stories, and finally poems, in the second half bring in a warmth and closeness to the information presented in the first half. There are erotica stories by both male and female Gay American Indians, and childhood and adulthood coming out stories. What I treasured most about these stories was the intensity of observation and awareness of their feelings as played against the comparatively shallow, straight, white male society in which we all struggle to survive and prosper. Their angry defiance, their proud dignity, and their belief in themselves as valuable, no, exceptional individuals was one of the most exhilarating and reaffirming reading experiences I have ever had.

"The Living Spirit: A Gay American Indian Anthology", coordinating editor Will Roscoe, St. Martin's Press, New York is available in hard cover for $16.95.

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of chronic warnings unheeded. That is, most lifting accidents at work could have been avoided if a worker is taught careful lifting techniques. (Some companies now offer a "back school" for just this reason.) A patient with a protruding disc often presents with a history of several years of untreated low-back pain.

Ouch!

Another patient who has had a diagnosed scoliosis (curvature) of the spine since childhood has "learned to live with it" and has gone untreated for 20 years until the pain was constant and debilitating. Certainly not all cases of low-back pain fall into the "preventable" category, but in my opinion, most do.

Since low-back pain is so prevalent, it is important to keep in mind that not all cases are orthopedic in nature; that is, low-back pain can be the "great mimic." Serious medical conditions can be masked completely save for the single symptom of low-back pain. Examples of this are kidney infection, bone tumors, bone infections, pelvic inflammatory disease, endometriosis, pancreatitis. The following is a list of back pain symptoms for which you should see your doctor immediately:

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4. Mid-back pain with fever and cloudy or bloody urine.
5. Sudden severe back pain accompanied by shortness of breath, chest pain, and/or throbbing lump in abdomen.
6. Persistent localized spinal pain and you are over 60 years old, and have recently been bed-ridden.
7. You suspect an injury to your spine. Don't move! Call for assistance.

For the non-emergency back owners, it would be safe to say that most of us take our backs for granted until they stop working. Regular exercise of the low back and abdominal muscles, calcium-rich foods, stretching, relaxation techniques, and the timely treatment of early back pain will give you a lifetime of flexibility and peak performance.

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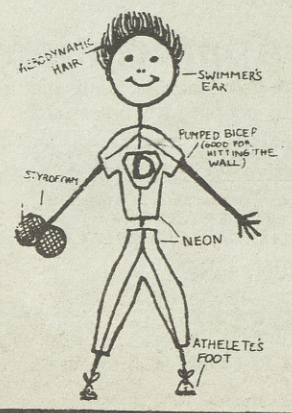

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Ex-boardmember Douglas L. Shafer claims that the CGNIE "misappropriated funds in the amount of $721.00" and claimed that in this documented case there was a "cover-up" of the loss of the funds.

The $721.00 in question was in the possession of Michael Horwath a.k.a. Grand Duchess Natasha in July of 1989. The money was reportedly stolen from Horwath, and Shafer states that it was "never been paid back."

According to Jerry Alley, president of the CGNIE board of directors, "Fiscal responsibility is my main goal as president." He went on to say that "Doug is right, the money wasn't paid back completely, but we are trying to get our books in order." Reportedly all but $171.00 of the money was paid back by the responsible parties and "payments are continuing on the debt."

Shafer gave up his position on the board of directors last month, and he commented that "The court was my hobby, but I can't be a part of something I don't believe in anymore."

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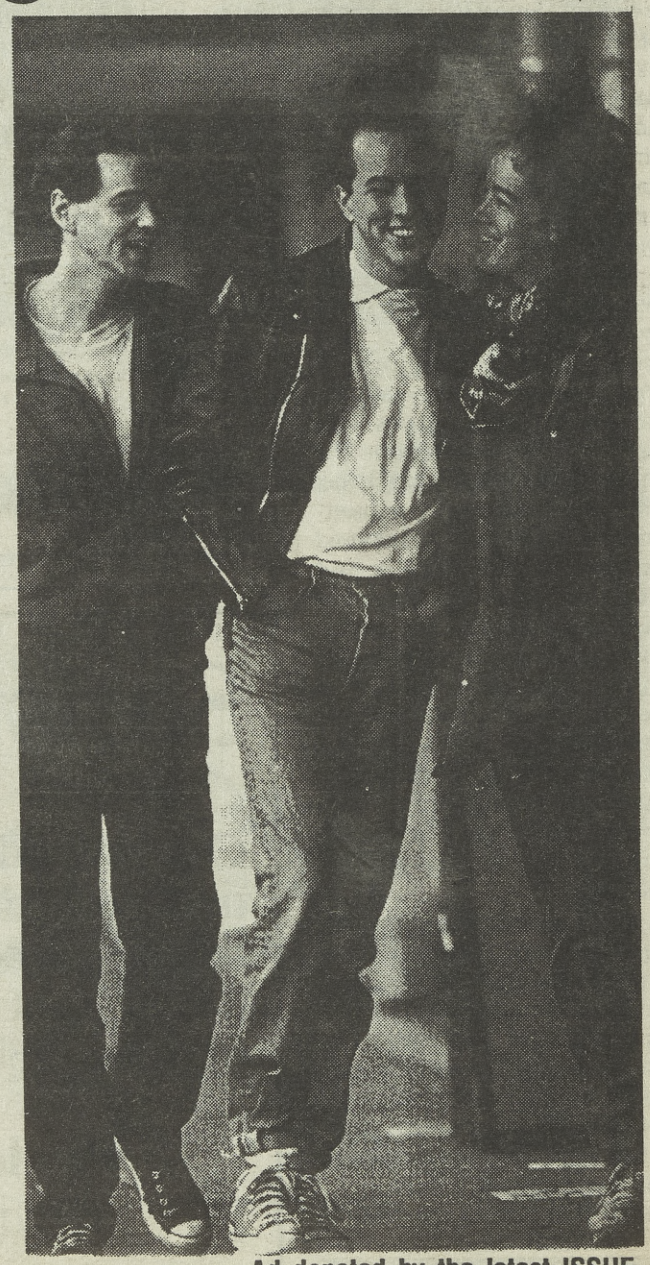

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Gay Sitcom Syndication - The Patty Dyke Show

by **Sister Dana Van Iquity**

It may be the New Year, but this television season is anything but new.

We are swinging that Nielsen Rating pendulum way, way over, right into the family adulation side, what with a plethora of oh-so-adorable (gag . . .), precocious little pre-schoolers with adult observations on life. And they grow up to be precious pubescent prodigies, such as Doggie Howser, M.D. Personally, I would much rather see something like Doggie Schnauzer, V.D., all about a Veterinary Doctor (specializing in venereal disease) who does it doggy-style with his patients.

Oh, there are a few good new shows, although they could use some changes. For instance, Twin Peaks, which should be renamed Twin Freaks, because eventually it will be revealed that each of the characters will have a doppelganger, a deadly double that runs around and wreaks havoc in timber-town. We've already seen the deceased Laura Palmer's now-dead, look-alike cousin Maddie. And her now-deceased father Leland Palmer had a twin in the mayhem-making Bob (now an owl?). Not to mention Catherine Martell's alter-ego, Tojamura, the male Japanese tycoon. I can hardly wait until Gerard the gay one-armed man (who, one must only surmise, is the twin of the straight Gerard, also a one-armed man, who co-starred on the old Fugitive series 20 years ago, shows us how he makes up for the loss of a limb by having an extra phallus. Then the show can be called Twin Pricks.

And who couldn't love the new, comic book serial of The Flesh . . . er, I mean Flash. Have you checked out this superhero's super basket lately? And his amazing velocity! Why, I'll bet he can boink faster than the speed of sound. Supersonic sex! But then again, he probably has the world's worst case of premature ejaculation -- like coming even before he gets aroused.

Then there's Cop Cock Rock featuring hunky, uniformed men rapping and boogieing while reading your rights.

This writer, while not a member of the TV Writer's Guild, nonetheless has a suggestion to liven up stale weekly programming. Why not take old scripts from 60's sitcoms, and recycle them with gay themes and characters?

Since twins are ever-popular TV material, what about the Patty Dyke Show? The musical theme would go, "Here's Kathy who's done most every girl, a lipstick fem in skirts and pearls; but Patty's just a leather dyke who rides her Harley motorbike; what a lezzy pair!"

And then The Beverly Hill-Nellies might open with the theme song, "Come and listen to my story 'bout a man named Jed, a poor mountain queer barely kept his sisters fed. Then one day he was shootin' at some food, when up through the ground came bubblin' lube; grease, that is . slippery gold . Texas Crisco."

> Gilligan has stolen all my lingerie and dresses for his drag show

The All-New, All-Gay Gilligan's Island might open with its title character saying, "Gosh, Skipper, it isn't so bad being marooned here. This way, you can wear your uniform 24 hours a day and no one will suspect your sailor-drag fetish. Ouch! You didn't have to hit me with that coconut, Skipper, Master, Sir. Better cool it, here comes multi-millionaire homophile Thurston Howell the Third."

Thurston interrupts, "Harrrumph. Can you boys stop that tasteless S&M long enough to help me unpack all my silk polo shirts and suede 501s? Oh dear, I'm afraid my Louis Vitton suitcase has leaked and gotten water stains on my diamond-studded jock straps and has utterly tarnished my sterling silver dildos. Oh Marianne dearie, can you help me?"

Marianne replies, "You think you've got troubles? Gilligan has stolen all my lingerie and dresses for his drag show and I haven't a thing to wear to the Natives of Sappho hut-warming and feminist pot-luck tonight."

Petticoat Junction would open with a much more butch Bea Benadaret character Kate discovering Uncle Joe in the girls' closet. When she demands an explanation, the venerable old boy stomps his feet and cries, "You wear the train engineer uniform; it's my turn to wear the petticoat!" And think of the madcap scrapes Ricky Ricardo and sidekick/domestic partner Fred Mertz could get into on the I Love Ricky show. Not to mention the New Honeymooners where Ralph Cramden and Ed Norton (the ultimate master/slave couple) become lovers. After lots of hilarious bitch-fighting and hissy fits ("one of these days, Miss Nortin, bang . . . zoom . . . to the moon"), Ralph embraces Ed and coos, "Baby, you're the greatest."

What about a revised Andy Griffith Show, where Andy Taylor keeps throwing his boyfriend Barney Fife, into a jail cell, handcuffing him and playing really sexy "the sheriff and the deputy" scenes. Meanwhile, Aunt Bea goes off with her Mayberry Ladies Auxiliary and Motorcycle Club, gradually looking more like a combination of Eleanor Roosevelt and Gertrude Stein, as the series progresses.

And just imagine the provocative possibilities when Fred MacMurray returns in the gay rewrite of My Three Sons as Daddy to his three leather-daddy's boys. Most likely, every one of us gay male viewers used to have fantasies about Robbie.

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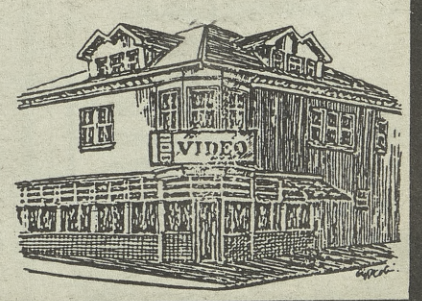

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being lesbian or gay.

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Jackson serves with the 129th evacuation hospital unit at Ft. Ord, and a spokesman there said until a final decision was made regarding Jackson's case, she would be assigned to an administrative unit.

Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) said on Thursday : "It is the lowest form of hypocrisy for the Pentagon to maintain that gays and lesbians are unfit for military service while it sends them off to risk their lives in the gulf. And it is utterly inconceivable to me that these same men and women, upon loyal completion of their tours will be kicked out of the service because they are gay."

> ...upon completion of their tours, they will be kicked out...

Until the gulf crisis, the military has systematically eradicated at will, any openly gay or lesbian service members, regardless of their service record. However, for those gays and lesbians who choose to serve in the military, this historical move is definitely a foot in the door. There will be many issues for Americans to consider once the Gulf sands settle down, however, those who prove themselves worthy of duty during war are more than worthy to continue serving their country during peace. Especially if they make it back.

If you would like to call your Congressmember's office but are not sure who they are, call the Washington D.C. switchboard at 202-224-3121.

While the Gulf Crisis has our attention at this time, there are many pivotal domestic and foreign issues to voice your concern about at this time. As this article is being written, votes are being taken on whether or not to support the President's request for the authority to send troops into combat. As the debate in Washington continues, Americans themselves have a responsibility to call their representatives in Washington, D.C. to let them know how they feel about using our troops, resources for Middle Eastern issues.

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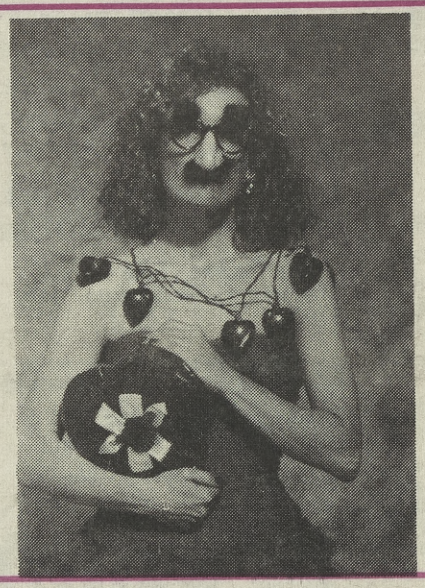

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